



**SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**City of Albany Community Development Department
Large Conference Room
979 San Pablo Avenue, Albany
September 17, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Thomas Cooper	Caryl O'Keefe
Miya Kitahara	Janet Smith-Heimer
Dan Lieberman	April Yang

Members Absent: Suzanne Schrifft

Staff Present: Nicole Almaguer

Others Present: EDAW

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3-1. Approve minutes from July 16 meeting (attached)

Minutes approved unanimously, motion by O'Keefe, seconded by Lieberman.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Francesco Papalia: expressed interest in pursuing wind turbine at the bulb.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

None.

6. PRESENTATION

6-1. Climate Action Plan (CAP) Project Kick-off Meeting with EDAW, Inc.

(Attachment 1)

EDAW, Inc. provided a presentation regarding the CAP. EDAW identified the City's current baseline greenhouse gas emissions, key areas of a CAP, and the public planning process that would be taken to develop the CAP.

The Clean and Green Task Force Recommendations were discussed, and the Committee suggested new measures to consider within the CAP.

EDAW will be developing a survey for the public within the next couple of weeks. The survey will be widely promoted to encourage participation. EDAW will return to the Committee in December with survey results and to discuss greenhouse gas reduction measures identified within the survey results.

Public Comment:

Nick Pilch, Strollers & Rollers: encourages the CAP be connected to the City's Bicycle Master Plan, and promotes completion of a Pedestrian Master Plan. Supports transportation safety education. Strollers & Rollers is interested in working with the Committee.

7. REPORTS

7-1. Long Range Planning/Sustainable Development Subcommittee – update

The subcommittee is researching the potential for wind energy at the Albany bulb. The subcommittee has also drafted a project review policy for review by the Committee.

7-2. Urban Landscape Subcommittee – update

O’Keefe reported that the subcommittee sent in a list of questions to the Public Works Manager regarding the City’s maintenance practices. Maintenance practices all seem to be quite environmentally friendly.

7-3. Education Subcommittee – update

The subcommittee discussed the AHS connect program.

7-4. Green Albany Event & Green Corridor Update (Almaguer)

Almaguer reported that both items will be going to City Council for review within the month of October.

8. DISCUSSIONS AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

8-1. Education Subcommittee Recommendation: Albany High School “Connect” Program – determine Committee’s interest in this program and compile a list of potential projects (Kitahara – Attachment 2)

Kitahara provided an introduction to this item. AHS Connect program is a newly created program by the high school to encourage students to get involved in the community. Kitahara asked if the Committee had any ideas for potential projects for students, and if the Committee was in favor of supporting the program.

The Committee identified a number of potential projects for students.

Cooper motioned the Committee become a community partner to the AHS Connect program, seconded by Smith-Heimer, unanimously approved.

8-2. Long Range Planning Subcommittee Recommendation: “Project Review Policy” (Smith-Heimer – Attachment 3)

Smith-Heimer provided an introduction to this item. It is intended to provide guidelines in terms of what the Committee’s focus will be for reviewing projects. The Committee agreed to discuss this item in more detail at the October meeting. The subcommittee will try to meet with Jeff Bond, the City’s Planning Manager, prior to the next meeting.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(Commission/Committee/Board Member announcement of requests for future agenda items. No public comment will be taken on announcement of future agenda items).

9-1. Next meeting October 15, 2008 – Fern Tiger Associates Waterfront Planning (Attachment 4)

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.